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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from the Altengrabow Training Area

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X

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DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. At 8 a.m. on 15 July 1953, a troop train of 30 flatcars and about 30 boxcars was unloaded at the Altengrabow railroad station. The unloaded materiel included 12 howitzers. Twelve trucks [REDACTED] hauled billeting equipment from the boxcars toward Suedlager. The soldiers had already left. ¹
2. The North Camp was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. At 8:30 a.m., two platoons, each with an officer wearing artillery insignia and each including about 20 soldiers armed with carbines and carrying spades and stadia rods, were seen leaving the installation toward Doernitz. They were followed by 2 officers and 10 EM wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and carrying four portable radio sets. At 11 a.m., about 200 troops were seen at intensive training in the training area northwest of the installation. Radio sections with portable radio sets and telephone sections engaged in line construction were also observed there. Other troops received instruction on 15 x 160-mm mortars, with 7 to 8 soldiers to each gun. About 200 motor vehicles, mostly trucks and including 11 prime movers, [REDACTED] were at the parking lot southwest of the installation.
3. The South Camp including the cantonment was almost unobservable. Local residents stated that the cantonment was occupied to capacity. Thirty to 40 trucks were parked at the eastern edge of the ammunition filling plant. Four full-track vehicles were seen at driving practice in the southwest section of the installation. Individual sentries were near the ammunition depot and the filling station. [REDACTED]

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